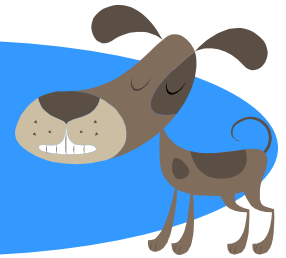


Gimme Shelter

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Summer Adoption Specials!

Summer is a great time to adopt a pet, and we are making it even easier to bring a new furry (or feathered!) friend into your life with two great adoption specials now through Labor Day!



First, we are encouraging adopters to “pick a pair of pocket pets” to help our smallest residents find loving families. **This means that when you adopt one small animal, you can adopt a second critter for free.**

Many small animals like guinea pigs, rabbits, and parakeets, are social creatures who thrive in pairs. They often bond with each other and can keep each other company when their people are not home.

Small animals are often the perfect choice for adopters who are looking for the companionship and joy of pet ownership, but are not interested in walking a dog or playing with a cat. Small critters require daily attention, social interaction, and regular cage cleaning. In return, they provide endless entertainment, fun, and of course, lots of love!

And if critters aren't for you, how about celebrating the “**Cat**” Days of Summer with wonderful cats and kittens of all kinds looking for new, loving homes.

During the “Cat” Days of Summer all cats adopted from the Loudoun County Animal Shelter will be spayed/neutered for free (if necessary). That means that kittens under 6 months of age will have a \$40 adoption fee, all cats ages 6 months to 7 years will have be \$20, and all cats over 7 years will only be \$10.

Cats outrank dogs as America's # 1 pet, and it is easy to see why. They may have the reputation for being aloof, but that's far from true! Cats are affectionate, playful, and loyal.

They make wonderful pets, and their natural independence often means they are easier to care for and adapt to our busy schedules.

Cats never require a 5am walk for a “potty break,” and on hot summer days are happy to chill with you in the comfort of the air conditioning. They don't need to be housebroken, as they instinctively know to use a litter box. All they ask is for you to show them where it is and to keep it clean!

Cats can also be left alone for longer periods of time (as long as the food, water, and litter box is well attended). They are happy to entertain themselves, though they often enjoy having a kitty companion to pal around with.

View all our adoptable animals online 24 hours a day, 7 days a week at www.loudoun.gov/animals, or visit the Animal Shelter in person Saturday through Wednesday. You may find your perfect pet this summer!



Pet First Aid



Would you know what to do if your pet was suddenly injured or ill? Knowing first aid is a must for all pet owners. Animal Care & Control wants to help you to learn basic first aid skills, safe handling for injured animals, and the supplies needed to stock a pet first aid kit for both home and travel with a **Pet First Aid Class on Saturday, August 14 at Sterling Community Center.**

Part of the Animal Education Series, these monthly seminars focus on educating current and future pet owners on ways to care for and ensure the well being of their pets.

Registration is only \$1, and class sizes are limited. Registration can be done online through WebTrac at www.loudoun.gov/webtrac, or by calling the Sterling Community Center at 703-430-9480. Classes will be held at the Community Center, located at 120 Enterprise Street in Sterling, from 9:00-11:00am on selected Saturdays.

And in the Fall, look for classes on Disaster Preparedness for Pet Owners, Cold Weather Pet Care, Baby Ready Pets, and Choosing the Right Pet for your Family.

Keeping Up With Camps

Summer is a busy time at Animal Care & Control, and we've been out and about this year visiting a number of **summer camps!**

In June, we took part in two different camps—first we spent a day at Monroe Technology Center's Summer Camp, teaching middle schoolers about animal control careers and encouraging a whole new generation of students to choose a career working with animals!

June also brought the annual McGruff Safety Camp, where Animal Control Officers joined other public safety officers to teach hundreds of kids about staying safe around dogs and other animals.

Safety will also be the number one topic when we spend a day at Leesburg Police's Safety Camp in August. It's always a great group and we love being a part of it!

Finally, we are joining forces with Parks & Rec to host our own **Animal Camp** at Sterling Community Center August 9-13. Campers will learn all about animals and the workings of Animal Care & Control. They will enjoy presentations, activities, and projects on a wide range of topics including: Animal Control, equine care, dog behavior, and PR and volunteerism. We can't wait to meet this year's campers!



Campers at last year's Shelter Summer Camp practice on the agility equipment!

July Employee of the Month

Angela Chan is July's Employee of the Month! Angela is being recognized for her excellent and unselfish work as a Lead Animal Control Officer. Her support and compassion toward the staff and the animals at the shelter is outstanding as evidenced by her assisting her coworkers when they were busy, and by fostering a shelter dog needing special socializing and enrichment. Additionally, she is being recognized for exceptional efforts in enhancing the Animal Control portion of

the Department website and to the CARE program and its recipients. Her positive attitude and willingness to help others with their work and promoting a team spirited environment is highly commendable. Her efforts and work ethic have a direct impact on the entire operation and demonstrates her dedication and commitment towards both the animals and citizens of the County.

Thank you Angela for a job well done!



Congratulations Angela!

What We're Up To

Give a Dog a Bowl

Join us on Friday, August 20, from 5-7pm at Color Me Mine at the Brambleton Town Center! As part of the "Give a Dog a Bowl" program, you can paint your own dog bowl and enter it in a contest to win great prizes! Plus, a portion of the proceeds will benefit Animal Care & Control. Learn more at <http://www.ashburn.colormemine.com>. Hope to see you there!

Mobile Adoptions Keep Rolling

Don't forget the mobile adoption vehicle stops **every Thursday** from **3:00-7:00pm** at the **Petco** in the Dulles 28 Centre (at the intersection of Rt 28 and Waxpool Road). If you're looking for a pet, and can't make it out to Waterford, this is a great opportunity to visit! Be sure to stop by and see us!

